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Guerrillas in Rhodesia
March 5 (AFP). — About 1,000 guerillas were actually inside between four and five thousand bordering black states, Defence and Minister Pieter Van Der Byl conference here today.
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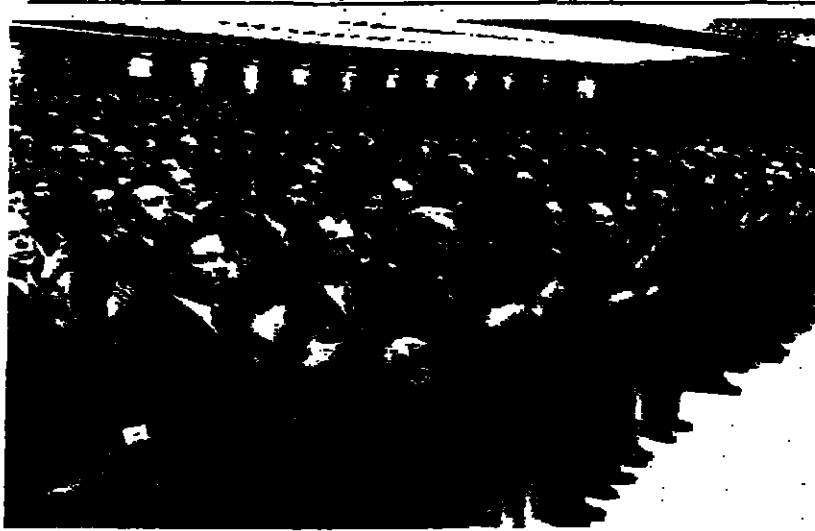
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King says in Melbourne

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March 5, (Agency) King Husayn said that Jordan is open for a just and durable peace. "There must be a return of the Arab lands lost in the June 1967 war before there can be a just and lasting peace," the King declared.
The King continued by saying at the news conference that "unless something meaningful is done for the establishment of peace in the Middle East there could be a disaster in the region."
The King continued by saying that Israel could have Arab territories or peace, but could not expect both.
"I think the Arab World has gone a long way and made making at the news conference that



Golda Meir to resume key party role in Israel

TEL AVIV, March 5, (Agencies). — Former Prime Minister Mrs. Golda Meir has agreed to play a key role in the running of the Labour Party once again in view of the present disarray among the party leadership, it was learned today.
Mrs. Meir, 77, resigned from the premiership almost two years ago, saying she was exhausted and "at the end of the road" after a lifetime of politics.
But the financial woes and political disunity of the party, which culminated last month in the resignation of its Secretary General Meir Zarmi, persuaded her to resume a leadership role, Labour Party sources said.
They added Mrs. Meir would be a member of the party's leadership Bureau with Rabin and other top party figures. The Bureau is a key forum for mapping foreign, military and economic policy.
Political analysts said Mrs. Meir's return to politics would bolster the hardliners who want to drive a hard bargain in trading captured Arab land for peace. But it would also strengthen Rabin against doves who want a more moderate policy, and hawks like Defense Minister Shimon Peres who are challengers for Rabin's post.
Since resigning the premiership, Mrs. Meir has traveled extensively, maintaining a crowded schedule of speeches and campaigns for Jewish immigration. She has also written a best-selling autobiography.

Security forces restore order in Beirut

Minor troop rebellion ends in Lebanon

BEIRUT, March 5 (Agencies). — Two more people are reported killed today in the northern Christian village of Kobayyat in the Akkar region, in a new clash threatening the fragile ceasefire which ended Lebanon's civil war six weeks ago.
But the take-over of security duties by 4,700 troops, gendarmes and police here in the capital went according to plan, with the aim of stopping lootings, kidnappings and robberies which had recently erupted.
Two people were shot dead and two wounded in Kobayyat 80 miles north of Beirut yesterday, after firing broke out between Christians and Moslems in four Akkar villages.
Lebanese army units surrounded mutinous Christian troops in the Sarba garrison near Jounieh with more than 20 armoured cars and jeeps armed with recoilless rifles as fresh clashes threatened to rekindle Lebanon's civil war early today.
The reinforcements moved in, sirens wailing, after fighting broke out in the hilltop army camp between Christian soldiers wanting to desert to defend their embattled home village and loyalist troops.
The rebellious soldiers were supported by private Christian militiamen from the right-wing Christian stronghold, 10 miles north of Beirut, an army commander said.
A senior officer in Beirut said the 5th infantry battalion, reinforced by tanks and armoured cars, had been sent to Sarba with orders to crush the mutiny by force if necessary and rescue loyalist troops in the garrison.
Gunfire, heard earlier inside the garrison, was stilled at 12.00 GMT and negotiations were apparently under way between the rebels and loyalist officers.
The mutiny reportedly was being led by officers from the town of Kobayyat in northernmost Lebanon, which was attacked and encircled by Moslem mountain warriors Thursday.
The mutineers first demanded helicopters to be flown to the town to organise its defence, but were later talked out of by the army command.
An army spokesman said a joint armoured force of Lebanese troops and Yasir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Army broke off the 24-hour siege of Kobayyat, close to the Syrian border.
"Moslem tribesmen pulled away peacefully once the 1,000-strong force arrived with tanks and set up buffer zones between the combatants," the spokesman said.
Before the arrival of the joint units of Kobayyat, a renegade Lebanese major belonging to the "Army of Arab Lebanon" and his supporters opened heavy fire on an army helicopter bringing the reinforcements, police reported.
"The plane had to make a forced landing. The deserter major took five soldiers and their captain prisoner, then set the helicopter on fire," the spokesman added.
The clashes aggravated political squabbling between Moslem and Christian leaders that is delaying the formation of a national union government to settle the civil war.
Leftists charged that right-wingers received fresh arms supplies from the West, including halftracks fitted with 105mm guns, to turn their militia into an 8,000-man regular army and start a new round of fighting.

Polisario announces new government in Western Sahara

ALGIERS, March 5, (AFP). — The Polisario Front today announced the formation of a government of the Western (former Spanish) Sahara.
The announcement followed the declaration of a Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic a week ago in face of the partitioning of the territory between Morocco and Mauritania, under an agreement with Spain.
Polisario Front spokesman said the announcement of the formation of the government was made simultaneously in the town of Vitoria, in the Basque region in northern Spain, where demonstrators barricaded the streets during a worker-police riot Wednesday which left three dead and more than 100 injured. (AP wirephoto).

New Moscow Politburo confirms party stability

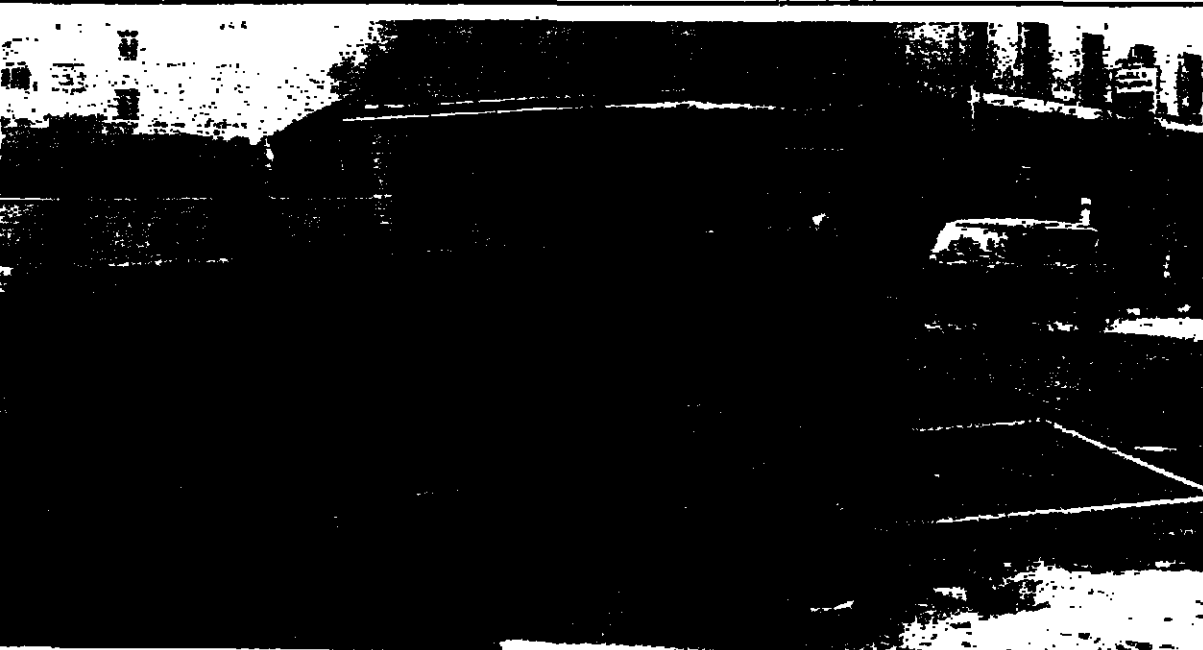
MOSCOW, March 5, (R). — The Soviet Union's top Communist leaders today re-elected Leonid Brezhnev as their undisputed leader but ousted agriculture minister Dmitry Polyanskiy from the party leadership.
The decisions were revealed by Mr Brezhnev to the final session of the Party's 25th Congress which has been meeting in the Kremlin for the past 10 days.
Mr Polyanskiy's dismissal, which became clear only when the party chief finished reading the line-up of the new Politburo, follows last year's disastrous grain harvest.
But a senior Soviet official said later Mr Polyanskiy remained "for the moment... and perhaps permanently" at the head of the ministry. He had also been re-elected a member of the party's policy-making Central Committee, the official added.
There were two further changes in the Politburo—the promotion to full membership from the candidate or reserve ranks of Leningrad party chief Gregory Romanov and party Defence Secretary Dmitry Ustinov.
When Mr Brezhnev read out the Politburo list to the Congress, the name that, next to his own, drew the heartiest applause was that of Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin.
The newly-elected Soviet party Politburo announced today at the closure of the 25th Party Congress confirms the stability of the party's ruling organs and the strengthened position of Secretary-General Leonid Brezhnev.

Simon to sign U.S. food sale agreement in Cairo

CAIRO, March 5, (AFP). — for Egypt to import 500,000 tonnes of wheat and flour from the U.S., an Egyptian government spokesman announced here.
Trade Minister Zakareya Tewfik Abdul Fattah would sign for Egypt, he said.
Mr Simon arrived here yesterday from Abu Dhabi on the final stage of a Middle East tour, on which he has also visited Saudi Arabia, Israel and Syria.
On the surface, Mr Simon's current visit to Egypt will be to discuss "in general terms" economic bilateral relations with Egyptian leaders, U.S. sources say, in Cairo.
But diplomatic observers point out that privately Mr Simon likely will try to break a bureaucratic logjam which has left many Americans wanting to do business in Egypt disgruntled.
In Abu Dhabi last night, Mr Simon agreed to increase cooperation with the United Arab Emirates in aiding developing countries, a joint communique announced.
Mr Simon suggested pooling U.S. experience in development projects with capital supplied by the Emirates, the statement indicated.
A team of U.S. technicians was to arrive in Abu Dhabi Friday to follow up his talks, which covered cooperation in the fields of customs, water, planning, medical services and telecommunications.

Turkish general resigns after Lockheed reports

ANKARA, March 5 (R). — Turkish Air Force Commander General Emin Alpkaya resigned today following disclosures by an official inquiry into press allegations that Lockheed bribed officials here, the General Staff announced.
A statement said the Italian firm Aeritalia, which has produced Lockheed F-104 warplanes under licence and sold them to Turkey, sent \$30,000 to General Alpkaya to be used for aid to earthquake victims.
But the money, which was withdrawn from the Central Bank without the General Staff's knowledge, was later found untouched in an air force safe, despite an official document stating that it had been used to build a new school in the earthquake area.
General Alpkaya had resigned to facilitate the inquiry, conducted jointly by the General Staff and the Defence Ministry, the statement did not make clear whether General Alpkaya, who commanded the Turkish Air Force during Turkey's Cyprus invasion in 1974, was accused of personally withdrawing the \$30,000 from the Central Bank.



POLICE VS. WORKERS. — The scene is the city of Vitoria, in the Basque region in northern Spain, where demonstrators barricaded the streets during a worker-police riot Wednesday which left three dead and more than 100 injured. (AP wirephoto).

Thousands of Basques mourn victims of Spanish police

VITORIA, Northern Spain, March 5, (AFP). — Tens of thousands of people poured into the streets of this Basque city today for the funeral of three civilians shot dead by police on Wednesday.
Many of the mourners, estimated officially at 15,000, but put at more than 50,000 by observers, wore black ties and armbands.
No incidents were reported, although the crowd booed the Bishop of Vitoria, Francisco Peralta, and chanted "out, out."
Yesterday, the Bishop condemned violence by both police and civilians in a statement which has angered the population.
Meanwhile, in Pamplona, Navarre Province, police clashed several times today with students as a general strike continued in the province.
The police fired rubber bullets and several people were arrested.
The police first intervened when strike pickets forced local merchants to close their shops and students then set up barricades with material from nearby building sites.
The funeral here took place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Saint Mary, where a priest told the mourners that the shooting was a "profanation against the church and against the rights of man."

French move to defuse wine crisis

NARBONNE, France, March 5, (AFP). — The French Government moved to defuse tension today in this southern wine-growing area where two people died yesterday in a gunbattle between protesting winegrowers and riot police.
One of the demonstrators' demand was met when two winegrowers were released from jail near Lyons this afternoon.
Meanwhile the French Justice Ministry announced that a preliminary investigation had been opened against a person or persons unknown on charges of wilful homicide, assault, carrying firearms and destruction of public buildings in the Narbonne region Thursday and Wednesday.

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Obstacle to reform

It is an unpleasant sensation to watch Lebanon continue to emit spasmodic flashes of lawlessness, as evidenced by the intermittent incidents of looting, kidnapping and continued killing. The helicopter incident Friday did not help matters. It is probably wisest to see these things for what they really are, rather than to try and overlook them in the hope that they'll go away.

These incidents are a confirmation of an underlying spirit of anarchy in the country, the mentality that led to the war in Lebanon, and that threatens to erupt again at any time in an ever more bloody and wasteful round of fighting. The anarchistic, lawless, free-for-all spirit is a function of the power structure of the country, and this in turn is today the most formidable barrier in the way of the formation of a new, enlarged Lebanese cabinet.

There is a new element in the formation of this cabinet that will actually make the process of distributing portfolios more complicated than ever. The various factions in the civil war waged a brutal battle that brought horrendous loss of life and property. Now the political and tribal leaders are up against the wall, in that their constituents and their people are asking them: "What have we gained? What was the fighting all about?"

The answer to these questions is, simply, that nobody has gained anything, and everybody has lost. But a local warlord cannot go back to an exhausted, depleted congress of his warriors and tell them this. The personal, greedy, short-sighted political powers in the country are making up excuses to cover up for the visible futility of their civil war, and one of the things they're doing is trying to maintain the viability of their personal fiefdoms through a tenuous grip on political and economic power. This is essentially a system of patronage whereby the political boss distributes power, favours, wealth and influence on the strength of his position within the national power structure.

To ask the Lebanese political leaders who have been thriving on this system for the past 40 years to give it up overnight is wishful thinking. But they must modify this system, temper it a bit, if their country is to have any meaningful chance to thrive once again. What the Lebanese people and leaders must do is turn their system on its head. One would think that this might come naturally after the entire country was turned on its head for ten months. Ultimately, they will find that their strength lies in their ability to foster change through compromise, not solely through warfare or clinging to public wealth.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

"It is not enough that the Islamic countries group at the United Nations should only express indignation at the present ordeal befalling the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem and the Ibrahim shrine in Hebron. Nor is it enough that the Secretary-General of the United Nations should only convey this dissatisfaction to the Israeli representative there," Ad Dustour commented in its editorial Friday.

The paper asserts that the issue is far more serious and dangerous in both motives and dimensions. "Israel, at this stage, is evidently bent to strike at the very roots of our doctrine and heritage, as a last blow to complete the occupation of the land and encircle the Arab inhabitants there with shackles and terrorism."

Ad Dustour described the Israeli action against the holy places as a religious war, which the Arabs should not face with indignation only. The religious war, it says, is no less dangerous than the actual war which was directed against the land and man. The paper finally asked until when this lethargy was going to last; and what is the use of the Arab's strategic positions, their billions of dollars and sterling, their oil rivers and their pressuring economy, if they were not all mobilised to defend the threatened doctrine, by all means, including force which the enemy knows too well?

"The Zionist policymakers were always trying to cast the gauntlet at the feet of the Arabs; but only recently a long list of Arab gauntlets were cast at the Zionist feet," Al Ra'i said in its editorial.

It said that King Hussein's

new initiative at the Canberra Press Club Thursday has topped the list. The King, the paper added, has set the fundamental conditions for Middle East peace: restoration of the Palestinian Arab's rights, the return of their land to them, and the withdrawal of Israel from this land. Without these conditions, peace would not be forthcoming; and let the world be ready for a third world war, which the enemy himself had sought by word, action and insistence.

In its editorial, Al Ahram of Cairo said the money which Egypt recently got from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states will not go to waste. On the contrary it should bolster the national economy, boost production and offset the financial depression. As an appreciation of this generous Arab aid, the paper calls upon the Egyptians to prove that the money was put in trustworthy hands and to achieve the national objectives for which it was given.

Continuing its comments on the present stagnation in the Lebanese political situation, Al Nahar of Beirut said war has ended but the aftermath of war is probably more threatening, politically, economically and socially. Syria, said the paper, has done too much in the way of reaching a settlement, but the Lebanese Government has done very little or nothing.

The paper once again urged Premier Rashid Karami and his Government not to hide behind "General Snow or General Rain" in resolving the question of rebellious soldiers, and to tackle the numerous other issues without hesitation or Byzantine litigations.

RSS director: Jordan needs more applied technology

Editor's note: The following Jordan Times interview with Dr. Ishaq Farhan, Director General of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) of Jordan, was conducted in Amman this week.

The RSS is an independent, non-profit research and development organisation whose management reports to H.R.H. Crown Prince Hassan, and whose primary mission is to support Jordan's development in a world that is becoming increasingly dependent on science and technology.

Accordingly, the RSS is a scientific and technological centre for conducting research and studies, providing scientific and technological consultations relevant to the economic and social development of Jordan, and utilising the country's natural resources in order to increase national income and raise the standard of living of the Jordanian people.

The RSS comprises five technical departments: Computer Systems, Mechanical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Economic Research and Education and three supporting departments: the RSS printing press, the library and the administrative department.

The impact of the RSS' efforts has started to be felt by Jordanians both in the public and private sectors. In view of this impact, we interviewed Dr. Farhan, a former Minister of Education and Awqaf, to seek his views on the role of the RSS in a developing country such as Jordan.

JT: What in your opinion is the real importance of scientific research centres in developing countries?

Dr. Farhan: I believe that scientific research, in general, and applied scientific research in particular is imperative and highly necessary for both developed and developing countries. For the developing countries such centres do acquire special consideration for they have to lead and fully involve themselves with development efforts and solving practical problems involved in the operation of transferring and stimulating technology.

They have to work to narrow the scientific and industrial gap between the technological haves and the have-nots.

Developed countries, U.N. specialised reports say, allocate more than three per cent of their budgets to scientific research, in addition to the efforts exerted by industrial establishments in this field. The developing countries do not allocate more than one per cent for the same purpose.

I'd like to mention here something which adds to the importance of such centres in the developing countries: they attract scientifically qualified indigenous persons, and minimise the brain drain which constitutes a real problem for developing countries.

In such centres indigenous qualified persons do find the suitable atmosphere in which they can serve their country.

JT: It is accepted that the percentage of money allocated for scientific research, in any country, determines the extent of its interest and care for science and technological development. How does this apply to Jordan?

Dr. Farhan: I agree with this hypothesis, and I mentioned

three per cent of the budget in developed countries. As for Jordan, the government started two years ago to take this into account. It has allocated 5 per cent of its budget for the purpose, distributed between the RSS and the University of Jordan. I hope that this meagre percentage will increase in the near future.

JT: What are the specific projects, industries and economic areas that have been already served by, and benefited from, the RSS efforts?

Dr. Farhan: Though the RSS is winding up its establishment period and starting production this year, it has participated effectively in the development of many projects, industries and economic areas. What comes now is RSS participation in following-up the 3-year economic development plan launched in 1973; participation in preparation for the 5-year development plan, launched this year; issuing more specialised studies in different fields; extending technical consultation for some industries like batteries and hides; conducting feasibility studies for the jerry can industry; and the design of fuel burners in ovens, and other practical projects.

In addition to the advanced services offered in the fields of education, vocational training manuals and advanced printing services involving colour separation, the computer systems department serves more than 12 governmental and private agencies within the Kingdom, in addition to scientific application processing programmes.

It is worth mentioning the RSS is building up good relations with similar organisations and centres abroad in the USA, West Germany and Mideast countries.



Dr. Ishaq Farhan

Bahrain has sought our advice in connection with establishing a small-sized similar centre in Bahrain.

JT: The private sectors in the developing countries do not in general resort to applied scientific research. What is the RSS approach to help solve such a problem?

Dr. Farhan: I agree with this, too. We have to wait some years before the private sector in Jordan is really convinced of the importance of applied scientific research. The private sector needs it for the improvement and development of its products.

We are convinced that more attention will be paid by the private sector to solve this problem, especially after government encouragement of Arab and foreign capital investment. Competition among different industries would result, and would be a determinant in the moves towards quality improvement, which in turn depends mainly on applied scientific research results.

I believe interaction between the RSS and the private sector will be of great importance in the near future.

The RSS, in fact, has already taken the first step in this direction: RSS researchers have visited most of our local industrial establishments and invited industrialists to the RSS premises to see what benefit they can get from the RSS specialised labs.

The RSS will also publish next month pamphlets about every department, under the title "RSS in the service of the society."

does the RSS field of management

Dr. Farhan: This field of management is a new issue. For plans to be effective, one of their must be development management. The nature of its work is this kind of approach; it plays the role of being followed. Of RSS shares responsibility in this field. University of Jordan Institute of Admin

The RSS also in management, service training believe that we from giving full at field of management. This may have our concentration gical and economic and from our specialised agency Institute of Admin doing the job. The private institution out most of this but specialised scholars ing courses with on high quality subjects like project management, and aspects of economic development require

JT: Economic and social development will not be effected without the existence of developed scientific management. What contributions

Bahrain ratifies agreement with Jordan

AMMAN. — The Bahrain government ratified the trade and economic agreement signed between Jordan and Bahrain, Mr. Mous Al Kaylani, Jordanian ambassador to Bahrain reported in a memo to the Jordanian authorities Wednesday.

Exhibition

AMMAN. — The exhibition of Mrs. I. Her Royal Highness Sarvath on Mond 1976 at Alia Art will now remain turday, March 6,

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Both the seminars and the walk-in assistance be at the American Center (USIS) just off Circle. All who have tax questions or problem urged to use the services of the IRS representative which are provided free of charge.

Television

6.00 Quran	CHANNEL 6:
6.10 Cartoons	7.30 News in Hebrew
6.30 Space 1999	7.45 Varieties
8.00 News in Arabic	8.30 Dirty Sally
CHANNEL 3:	9.10 Medical Story
7.30 Cultural programme	10.00 News in English
8.30 Arabic series	10.15 Movie of the week (on both channels)
9.15 At your request	

Amman Airport

DEPARTURES:	13.00 Rome
6.50 Aqaba	ARRIVALS:
7.20 Beirut	8.20 Muscat, Doha
8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)	8.30 Aqaba
10.00 Cairo	8.30 Bangkok, Abu-Dhabi
10.30 Athens, Madrid, Casablanca	8.40 Dhahran, Kuwait
	8.45 Karachi, Dubai
11.00 Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam	9.25 Tehran
	9.50 Beirut
11.30 Frankfurt, Copenhagen	16.15 Cairo
12.00 London	18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)
12.30 Paris	18.50 London (B.A.)

Radio [ON 856 KHZ]

7.00 Breakfast show.
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 Morning melodies
8.00 Sign off
12.00 Pop session (part I)
13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session (part II)
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio magazine
14.30 Melody time
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening
17.00 Studio one
17.30 Book review
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's choice
18.30 Industry and Technology
18.45 Break for Music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 News reports
19.30 Sign off.

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Apples (Golden) 140—180	Potatoes (Imported) 100—120
Apples (Starken) 140—180	Potatoes (Local) 100—120
Apples (Double Red) 200—240	Spinach 40—60
Bananas 140—190	String Beans 250—300
Bell Pepper 180—240	Tangarines 50—90
Beets 55—70	Tomatoes 50—90
Cabbage 50—70	
Cauliflower 40—60	
Chestnuts 310—320	
Carrots (Yellow) 50—70	
Cucumbers (Small) 180—250	
Cucumbers (Large) 120—160	
Grapefruit 50—60	
Garlic 50—70	
Lemon 80—120	
Lettuce (Small) 25—50	
Lettuce (Large) 50—80	
Hot Pepper 350—500	
Horse beans 120—160	
Marrow (Small) 180—240	
Marrow (Large) 130—170	
Oranges (French) 100—120	
Oranges (Local) 90—120	
Peas 170—200	

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India may be launching drive on subcontinent

March 5 (AFP). — A week in India, arriving here from Colombo. His next stops are Pakistan and Afghanistan. Observers said his tour showed Soviet concern over Romania's candidature for membership of the non-aligned group. It also seems likely that the Indian government does not want the admission of another candidate, Pakistan. In these circumstances India and the Soviet Union, linked by a friendship treaty, may ask their respective friends not to support the candidature of the two countries. Mrs. Gandhi's visit to the Soviet Union is set for this year. Communist sources say it will be at the end of March or during April.

to have scheme

March 5 (AFP). — A "hot-line" be set up short of the capitals of the countries of the Middle East. It will depend on the will of the superpowers, one of which is the U.S. of America.

attend despite

March 5 (AFP). — The United Nations Conference in June despite the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) delegation. Minister Joseph

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the statement of Canada's Minister for Urban Affairs, who is to visit Israel. He defended the PLO's representation on the grounds of dealing with the situation and not broad

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March 5, (AFP). — Proceedings were at an American for the first as a result of

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ged with violations of regulations after 07. with a cargo half tons of oil at Boston, killing all three on November 3. It alleges that the were packed in would be a horrible combination. It revealed that the as it attempted landing at of dense fum the cargo.



WINGED SLEEVE FASHION. — Queen Elizabeth II, wearing a most unusual "winged" sleeve fashion, is bowed into Covent Garden Opera in London Wednesday night, when she arrived to attend the Premiere of Rosilini's "Cenerentola," performed by La Scala opera company. The Queen was accompanied by Prince Philip. (AP wirephoto).

3 people: New lives & straw huts in a South Vietnamese "economic zone"

BINH CHANH, South Vietnam, March 5, (AFP). — A young woman from Hanoi, a South Vietnamese lawyer who studied in the United States, a 60-year-old woman's rights activist—these are just three of the thousands of people who have come to work in the "new economic zone" at Le Minh Xuan in the Binh Chanh region near Saigon.

Hoang Thi Huyen is from Hanoi. Aged 24 and just married, she has a university diploma in agronomy. On Feb. 19, after leaving her job with a North Vietnamese agricultural planning service, she went to Saigon to join

Chinese bronze exhibition in Japan

HONG KONG, Mar. 3, (AFP). — China is to stage its biggest archaeological exhibitions in Tokyo this month which will display life size pottery figures from 2,000 years ago.

The exhibition to be held for over five months from March 30 to August in Japan showing the cream of China's bronze antiques and the unpublicized warriors is bound to be of great sensation. A review in the local communist paper ta Kung Pao said, The event is to mark the 20th founding anniversary of the Sino-Japan Cultural Exchange Association and comes at a time when the two governments are on the verge of ironing out differences hindering the conclusive Chinese-Japanese peace and friendship pact.

The display will show over 100 bronze items dating back from 1,600 B.C. to the Han Dynasty (220 B.C. to 220 A.D.), China's age of renaissance.

This will be the most extensive survey of China's bronze ever shown to the world, the newspaper said. Bronze is one of the oldest alloys found in the country as the Chinese had used it for 3,600 years in making tools, weapons and utensils.

in her husband, a member of the Lao Dong Party, who is an official with the Finance Ministry.

As soon as she arrived in the South, Huyen came to Binh Chanh to work in the "new economic zone," as the director of a team digging an irrigation system that will enable 30,000 people from Saigon to work in the zone.

Once everything has been fixed up and the ground has been made ready, rice will be grown.

Truong Vinh Hien, 31, was a young Saigon lawyer before the revolutionaries took over. Thanks to a bursary from USAID, he studied for two years in an American university in Ohio.

When he lost his job due to the communist takeover, he saw that the revolution at present did not need people of his education. So he also came out to Binh Chanh with his wife, a former employee of the American firm "Distributing Company" in Hong Kong, where she spent three years, and his three children, a boy of 10 and two girls aged five and 12 months.

Mrs Nguyen Thi Anh is 60. Like Hien, she lived before in Saigon where her husband has remained with six of their eight children and their eight grandchildren. He is chairman of a local revolutionary committee.

The family had problems under the regime of Nguyen Van Thieu: one of Mrs Nguyen's children was deported to the Con Son Island penal colony, whose tough reputation was established under the French administration when it was called Poulo Condor.

Mrs Nguyen herself was a staunch activist with the "women's movement for the right to live" which was headed by a well-known opposition figure, Mrs Ngo Ba Thanh.

Mrs Nguyen and two of her daughters left for the Le Minh Xuan economic zone.

Hien's past hardly prepared him for the growing of rice, sugar cane or pineapples, but he is optimistic.

"I'll get there in stages, learning my new job from one day to the next," he tells the foreign visitor who comes into his new home, a simple straw-hut with a high thatched roof a few hundred metres from where the sturdy Huyen is working with her group.

Not far from there, Mrs Nguyen has set up a little cafe, marked by a sign, in a straw hut identical to Hien's.

Between recalling anti-police demonstrations under the old regime and telling Vietnamese women about the example that they should give by setting up home in the countryside, she serves tea or coffee along with light snacks.

Mrs Nguyen is not the only person carrying out this kind of small business which over the last few months, in Saigon too, has flourished: other signs here and there on the identical straw-huts set up in straight lines bear witness to that in the new economic zone.

Huyen gets together with her husband every Saturday in Saigon to spend the weekend with him.

Hien goes into town when his children need treatment. Having sold everything—car, television set, and most of his and his wife's clothes—before coming to Binh Chanh, he enjoys the welcome he receives at his father's home in Saigon.

China and S.E. Asian states accuse U.S. of sabotage in Indochina

PEKING, March 5, (AFP). — China, one week after giving former U.S. President Richard Nixon a near-triumphal welcome, today strongly condemned the United States for the alleged bombing of Siem Reap in North Cambodia on Feb. 25, as reported by Cambodia radio.

The communist party newspaper the People's Daily printed on that subject the strongest anti-American attack since the Vietnam war and the Mayaguez affair last summer.

It said: "The Chinese people resolutely support the solemn position of the government of democratic Cambodia and strongly denounce the aggressive act by U.S. imperialism."

"The U.S. attack on Siem Reap city constitutes a serious

provocation to the Cambodian people and at the same time an open trampling of international law."

"The Chinese people and the Cambodian people are close comrades-in-arms and brothers—we are convinced that all provocations and aggressions made by imperialism and the reactionaries in the face of the heroic Cambodian people are doomed to shameful bankruptcy," the People's Daily concluded.

Meanwhile, the "militant" solidarity between the new revolutionary regimes in Laos and Cambodia has now become official with the appointment of ambassadors.

Laotian President Prince Souphanouvong had meetings with

thin the space of a few hours in Vientiane yesterday with the just-arrived Cambodian Ambassador, Mr Mekouth, and the new Laotian Ambassador to Cambodia Mr Khamma Phomkong, shortly before the latter left for Phnom Penh. The settling up of the two embassies has virtually been completed.

Laos is the third country in Indochina, after North and South Vietnam, to establish official diplomatic links with Cambodia.

The recent setting up of a Laotian-Cambodian association headed by a top government figure, and Prince Souphanouvong's meetings with the diplomats of the two countries were seen in Vientiane as underscoring the importance Laos attaches to having perfect relations with the Cambodians.

These relations, which could take on a privileged nature shortly, are expected by certain leaders of the two countries to strengthen "Indochinese solidarity," which was one of the main topics discussed during a recent visit to Hanoi by Laotian Prime Minister Kaysone Phomvihane.

In a related development, the Hanoi daily Nhan Dan had Thursday accused "American imperialism and its agents" of carrying out sabotage against "the revolutionary power, social order and new life" of the three Indochinese countries.

It referred to counter-revolutionary plots uncovered in South Vietnam, meetings in Paris of "certain elements once belonging to the former Saigon puppet machine," the bombing of Siem Reap "by three American F-111" and the destruction of Paksane Bridge in Laos.

The most zealous servants of the U.S. policy were represented by reactionary forces in Thailand, it went on.

According to Nhan Dan, the Bangkok government said it wished to arrange friendly relations with the three countries of Indochina, but it sent reactionary pro-American elements to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia "to sap security."

The newspaper said that by reinforcing solidarity and increasing vigilance, the Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian peoples "will counter all sabotage action mounted by American imperialism and its agents and annihilate all reactionaries who oppose revolution in the three countries."

Iceland seeks Norwegian torpedo boat for cod war with Great Britain

OSLO, March 5, (AFP). — Iceland is in the market for a torpedo boat to strengthen its fleet of coast guard gunboats to keep British trawlers away from a 200-mile fishing zone off its coast, Premier Geir Halgrimsson told a Norwegian newspaper today.

Mr Halgrimsson told the Oslo daily Verdens Gang that Iceland wanted to buy the vessel "from Norway or any other country" to boost the coast

guard's "strike capacity" in the Anglo-Icelandic "cod war." Unidentified political sources in Oslo said the Norwegian government would certainly turn down any request of this sort from Reykjavik.

Allowing Iceland to buy the vessel would mean that Oslo would be taking sides in a dispute between two of Norway's good neighbours and allies and would wreck any hopes that Norway could mediate an end to the "cod war" which began last October, a member of the Norwegian parliament told Verdens Gang.

Political sources added that a torpedo boat in the Icelandic coast guard was bound to mean a heating up of the "cod war" because it would easily outpace the slower British frigates. Norway produces "Nasty" class torpedo boats capable of speeds of well over 40 knots.

Norwegian Foreign Ministry spokesman Egil Helle said no request had been received from Reykjavik. "We have read the (premier's) statement," he said.

The Bergen Mekaniske Versted shipyard which makes "Nasty" class vessels said it had no orders for a vessel from Iceland.

Yesterday, the Norwegian daily Stavanger Aftenbladet said Iceland wanted to buy "boats and planes." But Mr Halgrimsson said today only one vessel was being sought.

Sydney stripper wins rave reviews

SYDNEY, March, 5 (AFP). — A shapely, statuesque blonde "stripped to her toenails" in front of about 200 people at Sydney's international air terminal today.

When customs officers tried to escort her towards an interview room, she suddenly swung away from her escort who, taken completely by surprise, gaped as she peeled down to her birthday suit, an eyewitness said.

"She owned such well-endowed breasts she knocked my eyes out. The customs and police officers just stood there seemingly mesmerised," the passenger said.

A police spokesman confirmed that a woman passenger from an international flight did a strip. He added ruefully, "unfortunately I was not on duty at the time."

The spokesman said the woman was not charged.

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U.S. car market swings to bigger, American models

NEW YORK, March 5, (AFP). — Sales of foreign cars in the United States (103,000, against 146,400) lost ground last month, compared with February 1975, statistics revealed today.

But American models continued to do better at the beginning of the year.

Trade sources believed that the Americans were reverting to bigger cars. They believed that the boom in small car sales, which has lasted about two years, was ending.

Figures from the Manufacturers' Association showed that sales of American cars in February (650,649) gained 22 per cent, compared with February 1975. Over the same period, foreign cars sales slumped by almost 30 per cent.

They had already fallen by 21 per cent in January. Their share of the U.S. market was less than 14 per cent last month, against a record 22 per cent in February 1975 and 18 per cent in 1975 as a whole.

Among the chief foreign im-

porters, the fall was particularly steep in February for Volkswagen (46.3 per cent). For Toyota and Datsun, of Japan, which headed the list in that order, the decreases were only 16.7 and 7.8 per cent respectively.

Foreign importers attributed part of their poor performance in this country to insufficient stocks. But it cannot be denied that the present market trend here is unfavourable to them.

The tendency is confirmed by American Motors. It specialises in small cars and is the only one of the four American manufacturers to have fallen back (4 per cent) since the beginning of this year.

Expert's fishing study recommends "European sea" concept

PARIS, March 5, (AFP). — A "European sea," open to fishing boats from all nations in the European Economic Community (EEC), was proposed here in a report by a Breton expert, Joseph Martary.

The report, to be considered next week by the official Economic and Social Council, looks ahead to the year 1990 and assumes that the present adverse circumstances will continue for some time.

Here are some of the recommendations in the Martary report:

(1) Whether or not the Law of the Sea Conference agrees to the notion of an "exclusive economic zone," the Europeans should adopt it. They should blend their 200-mile limits into a "European sea" that would be supervised by the EEC authorities.

(2) The fight against pollution at sea should be effective, and an international protection body could be set up under the United Nations.

(3) Small and large-scale fishing concerns should under-

go an equipment modernisation programme.

(4) A national aquaculture (fish farming) programme should be decided covering the next 15 years. Emphasis should be placed on high-commercial-value fish currently imported. The resources of the French overseas departments and territories should be used on a systematic basis. In 20 or 30 years' time, aquaculture could produce between a third and a fifth of France's fish.

(5) In the immediate future, fuel for fishing boats should be brought down in price. Low interest loans should be granted to the fishing sector for modernisation.

(6) An official market price intervention body is needed, with adequate storage facilities. Imported fish should be banned if it fails to meet health standards.

(7) Market and distribution arrangements should be modernised, market research is needed on a large scale, and boat arrivals should be better spread.



PRESS CONTEST WINNER. — An Associated Press photographer, James Bourdier, won the top prize in sports in the annual World Press Photo competition in Amsterdam Thursday with this photo showing three speed boats flipping over at the start of a race in Miami's Biscayne Bay on August 24, 1975. (AP wirephoto).

Manila gets \$706m loan from international bank

MANILA, March 5, (AFP). — from a British and a Japanese, American and European banking institutions have approved new loans totalling \$ 706 million to the Philippine government, Central Bank Gov. Gregorio Licaros announced today.

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Saudi, Taiwan shipping will be studied this week

TAIPEI, March 5, (AFP). — Saudi Arabian and Nationalist Chinese governments are planning to establish a shipping company whose ships will ply exclusively between the two countries, it was reported here today.

The plan will be taken up and details thrashed out at the forthcoming ministerial conference to open here on Monday.

Such problems as what flags the ships should fly, which Saudi Arabian port should be used and how much each side

should invest will be out at the meeting to the Chinese language paper "China Times".

A Ministry of Communications official refused comment on the report.

Trade between Saudi Arabia was a million in 1974, but to \$ 350 million in 1975 from Nationalist Chinese Arabia, however, up to \$ 60.4 million in 1974 to \$ 117 million.

Trade between the Middle East has been rising steadily since 1974 to \$ 1.5 million in 1975.

The need for a shipping line has been a long time in the making.

Crimes against women tribunal opens in Brussels

BRUSSELS, March 5 (AFP). — An unofficial tribunal for crimes against women opened here today with a message from French novelist Simone de Beauvoir calling on women throughout the world "to denounce for the first time the oppression of which they are the victims."

Miss de Beauvoir said in her message that the tribunal, which is being held in the Brussels Palace of Congresses, would be unlike the meeting of women held last year in Mexico City to mark International Women's Year.

Those who attended the Mexico City meeting had been sent there by countries and political parties and "only sought to integrate women into the masculine world," Miss de Beauvoir charged. She noted that the "crimes" to be brought before the tribunal were mainly legal acts which could not be attacked in official law courts.

"The status imposed on women leads, either in an institutionalised form or otherwise, to unacceptable attacks on human beings," Miss De Beauvoir declared. She described the tribunal as "the beginning of a radical decolonisation of women."

JAKARTA, March 5 Presidential elections set for March 10, General Suharto to stand as a candidate for a third five-year term, announced here Friday.

The presidential will follow one year general elections for member People's Representative Assembly and the House of Representatives.

The last general were held in 1971.

General Suharto assumed top executive in March 1966 with discredited President becoming a mere figurehead.

In March 1967 named Suharto acting president and then president of the country.

His mandate was for five years in 1973. The number of electors in the next year's polls was at 66.8 million for a population of 136,650,000.

ECONOMIC BRIEFS

● OTTAWA. — Canada's gross national product (GNP) increased by 0.2 per cent in constant dollars last year, official statistics revealed Friday. This was the Canadian economy's worst performance since 1954.

● WASHINGTON. — Orders placed with U.S. manufacturing companies were up 1.9 per cent in January, the biggest increase in five months, reaching 88,400 million dollars, the Department of Commerce has reported.

● LONDON. — Foreign car registrations (38,060) collared 35.4 per cent of the total in Britain last month, statistics showed Friday. It was the highest percentage since August. In February 1975, the figure was only 28.3 per cent. Sales of all cars (107,520) fell by 4 per cent compared with the similar month in 1974, but foreign imports took a 20 per cent bigger share of the contracting market.

● WASHINGTON. — Wholesale prices fell 0.5 per cent in February, the Department of Labour said Friday, giving a seasonally-adjusted figure. The drop came after a speed up in wholesale prices in late summer and early autumn, a 1.8 per cent rise being recorded in October. Wholesale prices increased by 4.2 per cent last year. The February reduction stemmed from a 2.3 per cent drop in food prices.

IMF to increase SDR quotas

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AFP) — The Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved the rise from 29,200 million to 39,000 million Special Drawing Rights (SDR's) in the IMF quotas.

The new total is equivalent to 45,600 million dollars, and the decision has to be approved by finance ministers or central bank governors later this month. The vote takes place on March 22, and an 85 per cent approval is needed. IMF officials see this vote as a mere formality.

However, the move then has to be ratified by various parliaments, and this might not be quite so "automatic." In this case 75 per cent of parliaments have to approve the increase. The quota rise has been under discussion for years and was buttoned-up at the January monetary meeting in Jamaica.

At Jamaica, a reform of the IMF statutes was also to permit the quota increase.

Under the quota reform, the oil exporting countries' quotas are doubled to about 10 per cent. Biggest quotas are still those of the United States, Britain, West Germany, France and Japan.

The IMF quota rating decides the contribution to the Fund by individual countries, and also their borrowing rights.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed at its lowest point Friday after a quiet session, dealers said.

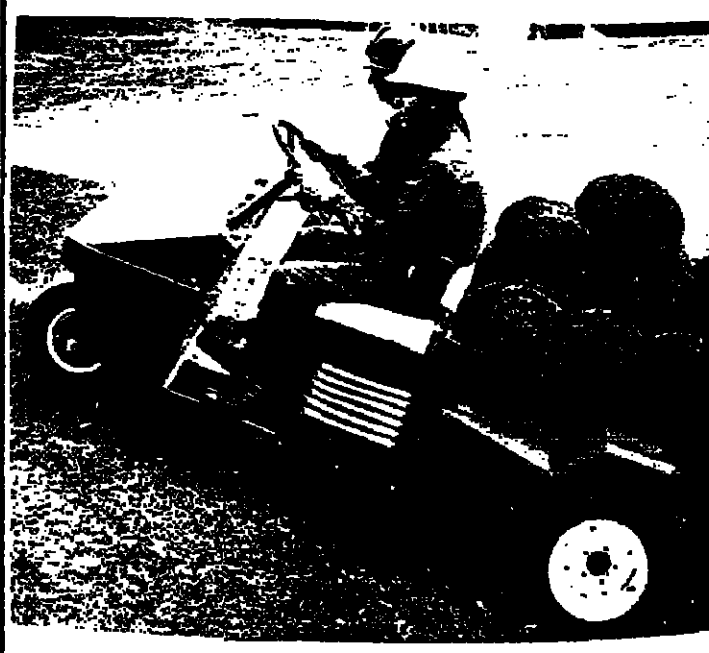
Shares were marked down at the outset on reports of Cuban troops in Mozambique, and the easier trend continued with the weakness of sterling against the dollar.

At 15:00 the F.T. Index was down 4.7 at 402.9. Government bonds lost up to one point in longer dated loans while shorts fell by up to 5/8 despite the 1/4 point reduction in the minimum lending rate.

Leading industrials were mostly between 2p to 6p easier with occasional shares off their lowest points.

Banks were easier by up to 10p and oils, too, were generally lower.

Mining shares were firm on the higher bullion price, dealers added, with heavyweights gaining up to 75p and De Beers up 7p at the close.



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Jordanian designers come up with inspired outfits

ANA GRESS
the Jordan Times

designers have for the first time come out with fashions based on Jordanian designs, from fabrics manufactured in Jordan or elsewhere in the world.

the impetus that brought forth the creative local talent.

The competition categories comprised: Jordanian Elegance, Aqaba Fashions, a trip to the Jordanian Desert, Animal Fur and General Services.

The whole idea is to encourage local amateur designers, with the hope that the Jordan Crafts Council may award

scholarships abroad to potential designers.

"Jordanian Elegance," in the form of day, afternoon or evening dress, aims at modernising and perpetuating the Jordanian cultural heritage.

In that category "Evening Gala," with its royal design on a velvet cape and white dress designed by Leila Jiries, won first prize; while "Evening Traditional," an original hand-woven dress, also gave its designer Ikhtimal Statieh a first prize.

The "Aqaba Fashions" in beachwear or evening attire, pertaining exclusively to the famous Jordanian resort, stand out in their imaginative designs as unique against the reddish-brown Aqaba mountains and create a fine rhythmic line to be reflected in the translucent luke-warm Aqaba waters.

Thus a flowery, flowing dress for "An Evening in Aqaba" gave Mrs. Mithal Amin the first prize; while the beachwear costume, a red kufieh and jacket lined with terrycloth made its designer Princess Wijdan the winner of the first prize.

In sportswear, "the Animals in Jordan" with their treasured leather and fur contributed, in

their own special way to the sportive and elegant line of the Jordanian woman. A jacket in brown and white lambswool designed by Princess Wijdan won the first prize.

In the category "A Trip to

the Jordanian Desert," the Mimi a first prize. In the "General Services" category, standing for Jordanian hospitality, a costume for a hostess won its designer Leila Jiries, the top prize.

Prizes were given for creativity and originality, strength of the costume design, line, color combination, inspiration from traditional costumes and practical use of the costume.



Designer designed this elegant evening desert dress, golden bands and sporting the original "hajjaneh" for the Jordan Times by Firas).



wear designed and executed by Mrs. Mariam



An evening desert dress by Mrs. Jeanette Malas.



These two public service costumes are inspired by traditional Jordan style. The one on the left, by Mrs. Violet Habeebe, is intended for a waitress, while the one on the right, by Samia Zaru, is designed for a tourist guide or hotel personnel.



This public service costume, intended for a ground hostess, is inspired from traditional Bethlehem stitchery, and designed by Mrs. Liela Jiries.

Tonight's TV Features

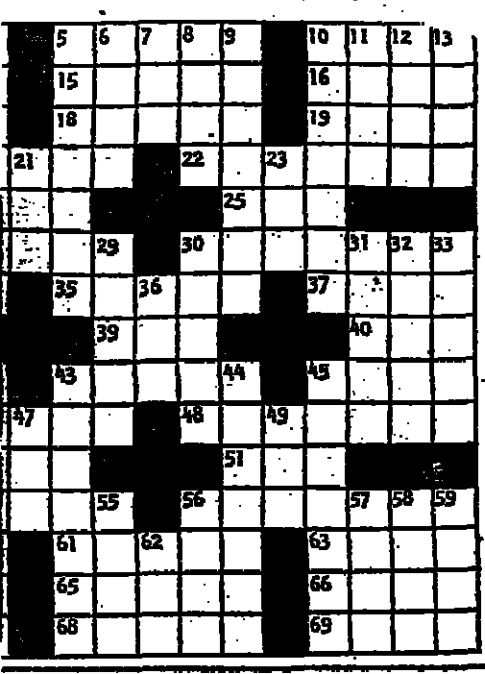
DIRTY SALLY:
HONK'EM SQUONK'EM AND GET THE WAMPUM
This family western focuses on the travels of Sally Fergus and Cyrus Pike on their way to California, in search of gold.

MEDICAL STORY
US AGAINST THE WORLD (Pt. II)
This episode deals with the stories of three women doctors, their training, relations with patients, and how one of them gets sick.

SPACE 1999
MISSING LINK
Alpha base hits a comet. Captain is hurt and is in serious danger. Inhabitants of comet are divided over the fate of the crew.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK
PATTERN OF MORALITY
Owen Marshall, counsellor at law, succeeds in setting free a man accused of murder in spite of all the evidence which points against him.

Word Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Rope fiber
 - 5 One who waits
 - 10 Mohammedan judge
 - 14 Others: Lat.
 - 15 School: Fr.
 - 16 Minor prophet
 - 17 Row
 - 18 City in Afghanistan
 - 19 Uproar
 - 20 Governing bodies
 - 22 Military engineers
 - 24 This should — long way: 2 wds.
 - 25 Ill temper
 - 26 Annals
 - 30 Different one
 - 34 A party for 2 wds.
 - 35 Climbs a tree
 - 37 Flight
 - 38 Mascagni opera, familiarly
 - 39 Hoary
 - 40 Body joint
 - 43 Russian city
 - 43 — From the Vienna Woods
 - 45 Cunning
 - 46 West African republic
 - 48 Tramp
 - 50 The Nautilus, for one
 - 51 House addition
 - 52 Naps
 - 56 Thorny bush
 - 60 File of
 - 61 Clipper
 - 63 Ancient Greek city
 - 64 The ugly duckling
 - 65 Unit of radioactivity
 - 66 Certain
 - 67 Brinker
 - 68 Small amphibian mammal
 - 69 River duck
 - 12 Entrance
 - 13 Common German verbs
 - 21 Craggy hill
 - 23 Golf teacher
 - 26 Nabobs: Span.
 - 27 Finnish lake
 - 28 Witches' get-together
 - 29 Reef
 - 30 Mountain range
 - 31 Remark of indifference
 - 32 Type size
 - 33 Pollster
 - 36 Not well
 - 42 Abates
 - 43 Hot sauce
 - 44 More severe
 - 45 Most serene
 - 47 Totally burn out
 - 49 Soaring fancy
 - 52 Be quiet
 - 53 Corn state
 - 54 Dash; verve; Fr.
 - 55 Open and
 - 56 French cheese
 - 57 Danish cheese
 - 58 Italian coin
 - 59 Donkey: Ger.
 - 62 Table scrap
- DOWN**
- 1 Headgear
 - 2 Siegmester
 - 3 Air
 - 4 Exemplary person
 - 5 Decapitates
 - 6 Cold desserts
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As Bank of England watches

Sterling plunges below S2 exchange barrier

LONDON, March 5, (AFP). — Sterling today quietly plunged through the psychological barrier of two dollars to a pound on the London markets and dropped to its all-time lows on continental markets.

Nixon talked oil with Chinese

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, March 5, (AFP). — Former President Richard Nixon discussed the possibility of joint development of Chinese offshore oil resources during his recent visit to China, a newspaper reported here today.

The Daily St Louis Globe (Democrat) quoted a Taiwan-based Belgian priest after a six-week visit to China as saying that according to "authentic and documented" sources, Mr. Nixon had offered American technological cooperation for the development of oil resources in the China Sea.

The paper quoted the Rev. Raymond de Jaeger as saying that the ex-president made the offer to China's Interim Premier Hua Kuo-feng.

He also told the paper that "there is more oil off the coast of China than on all of Saudi Arabia and the Near East."

Father Jaeger is public relations officer for the Archbishop of Taiwan in Taipei, the paper said.

Yugoslav-Cuban rapprochement seen in Belgrade talks

BELGRADE, March 5 (AFP). — Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro arrives here tomorrow for an historic two-day visit in which he will have talks with President Tito before going on to Sofia.

It will be the first time Dr. Castro has had a meeting here with Marshal Tito, who has never gone to Cuba. The two leaders last met in September at the Algiers non-aligned nations summit.

Yugoslav-Cuban relations have been stormy in the past. The Cuban party for a long time denounced Yugoslavia's "revisionism" and the Czechoslovak crisis of August 1968 was the occasion for Cuban accusations that Yugoslavia was supporting "the bourgeois policies" of the "Prague springtime" leader, Alexander Dubcek.

Yugoslavia, meanwhile, opposed the Castroist theory of exporting revolution.

Rapprochement however speeded up after the Algiers summit, mainly due to a visit here in February 1974 by Major Raul Castro, Cuba's second ranking leader. There was so much improvement, in fact,

Jordan eyes trade with Australia

(Continued from page 1) ny concessions to peace. It is now time for the Israelis," the King said.

He recognised the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and said the PLO would have to be a party to any moves aimed at solving the Middle East, question.

The news conference took place at Government House here, and was attended by Prime Minister Zeid Rifai and other members of the King's party.

Her Majesty Queen Alya spent most of the morning at Victoria's National Gallery.

His Majesty the King, Her Majesty Queen Alya and the Royal entourage will fly to Sydney today.

Just before close the currency was down to a new low of 1.9810 dollars—a loss of over three cents on last night's price—in quiet trading with no particular pressures reported by dealers. At the same time, sterling's average depreciation rate compared with December 1971 widened to 31.5 per cent, a new record that compared with the rate of 30.6 per cent registered on February 12.

Experts here were at a loss to explain sterling's sudden pre-weekend weakness, but cited the aggravation of the situation in Southern Africa and the dollar's recovery as a result of a firming up of U.S. interest rates among the possible causes.

The Bank of England intervened briefly early in the day to support the pound at 2.004 to the dollar, but stayed out of the market in the afternoon, triggering speculation that it might have changed tactics.

In Zurich, sterling was down to a new all time low of 5.1315 Swiss francs against yesterday's 5.2224—compared with the previous low of 5.16 recorded around mid-February.

Dealers reported heavy selling of sterling against Swiss francs and Deutsche marks by operators all across Europe.

They predicted that it might fall to 1.80 or even 1.70 against

that there were plans for Marshal Tito to visit Havana when he made his scheduled visit to Mexico and Panama.

Observers believe that there is one question on which Dr. Castro and Marshal Tito will agree: Angola, which both the Cuban and Yugoslav governments fully support, although in different ways. They are also expected to reassert their action aid for the Southern African liberation movement.

Troop rebellion ends in Lebanon

(Continued from page 1) Kobayyat inhabitants were reported to have kidnapped about 30 people after putting up barricades round northern Beirut yesterday, but most of them were later released.

Right-wing Christian Phalangists also put up barricades in northern Beirut today, reports said.

The new patrols taking over security duties in Beirut today were replacing militia from opposing religious and political groups, which had operated within their own strongholds.

The patrols were from the Lebanese army and internal security forces including police, and the Palestinian Liberation Army and Armed Struggle Command.

All patrols were under the command of the military Committee supervising the Syrian-backed ceasefire, now headed by Lebanese Army Commander-in-Chief General Hanna Said. The Syrian air force chief, General Naji Jamil, one of three Syrian mediators who left Beirut eight days ago, meanwhile returned today and conferred with President Suleiman Frangieh.

The Military Committee planned to set up patrols, similar to those in Beirut, progressively in the rest of the country.

In an interview today in the Kuwaiti daily Al-Rai Al-Am, Progressive Socialist Party leader Kamal Junblatt said Lebanon had "an armed truce which can last several years."

the dollar within the near future.

This view was partly shared by London City bankers. But they were less pessimistic than the Swiss experts, predicting a much slower depreciation which would take the pound to around 1.80 dollars by the end of the year. Some bankers did not believe it would go below 1.95 dollars.

While it was generally accepted that the floating pound had to go further down in order to maintain the competitiveness of British industry on overseas markets as long as the British rate of inflation has not been brought significantly below the present annual rate of 15 per cent, City experts believed that the government would prefer a very slow depreciation.

Otherwise, they said, its anti-inflationary policy would be harmed by the rising cost of imports, in particular raw materials and other vital goods.

There was also suggestions here that the Bank of England had abstained from intervening in order to scare speculators away from the market.

Labour victory in Coventry

LONDON, March 5, (R). — Britain's Labour government was cheered today after winning a crucial by-election and keeping the loyalty of some industrial voters who had been particularly hard hit by the country's economic recession.

Labour's overall parliamentary majority of one was saved by its successful defence of its hold on the Midlands city of Coventry, despite unemployment there of 7.3 per cent, above the six per cent national average.

A surprisingly large turnout gave Labour 47.7 per cent of the total vote, and the opposition Conservatives 37.4 per cent. Labour's previous majority was halved, but much more damage had been expected.

Polisario announces new government

(Continued from page 1) Libya, Guinea-Conakry, Madagascar and Burundi as well as here.

The last two nations have already recognized the new republic.

The spokesmen concluded that the government supports "the principles of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations... and affirms its will to establish fri-



STUDENT AT WORK. — Soviet hockey star Vladislav Tretyak shows Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro how to handle a hockey stick after a match between two Soviet teams Thursday night in Moscow. (AP wirephoto).

Cypriot ambassador in Turkey resigns

ANKARA, March 5 (R). — The Cypriot ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Ahmed Zaim, resigned today and closed down his embassy because of what he called the uncompromising attitude of President Makarios.

I closed down the embassy and handed all legal documents to the Turkish Cypriot representative's office in Ankara, Mr. Zaim, himself a Turkish Cypriot, said.

Mr. Zaim, a career diplomat, said he would not reconsider his decision as long as Archbishop Makarios remained President of Cyprus.

I have resigned because of the uncompromising attitude of Archbishop Makarios, he said.

The envoy said thousands of Turkish Cypriots had been killed over the past years and he

held the Archbishop responsible.

While taking decisions, he has never hesitated to violate the Republic's constitution for the sake of Enosis (Union with Greece), Mr. Zaim said.

He accused the Archbishop of taking an uncompromising line that was preventing a Cyprus settlement and of trying to sabotage the latest series of Cyprus peace talks.

Mr. Zaim, who has held his post here since 1964, said President Makarios had failed to dissolve the Greek Cypriot national guard and said this body was anti-constitutional.

Britain dissolves Constitutional Convention

LONDON, March 5 (AFP). — The British government today dissolved the "Constitutional Convention" it set up in 1974 to try and find a powersharing formula for administration in Northern Ireland, and said direct British rule there would now continue indefinitely.

The decision, taken as British and Irish Prime Ministers Harold Wilson and Liam Cosgrave conferred amid new terrorism attacks here, brought immediate fears that Protestant and Catholic groups might take to the streets in the beleaguered province.

In that development, Britain and the Irish Republic agreed that the only government acceptable in Northern Ireland must be based on "partnership between Catholic and Protestant communities, it was announced here today.

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Irish Prime Minister Liam Cosgrave issued the statement in a communique after their talks here today.

The communiqué said Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cosgrave agreed that direct administration of Northern Ireland by Britain was necessary, since no acceptable political solution to the conflict there had been found.

The two leaders also agreed that such a solution should be sought in negotiations with politicians from Ulster and not with representatives of paramilitary organisations.

But Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Merlyn Rees told the Commons that the direct British rule would be "positive and not negative."

The failure of the 78-seat convention, to which elections were held last May, followed a series of abortive attempts to solve the Northern Ireland crisis since it erupted in 1969.

Mr. Rees said today that the convention would be dissolved from midnight tonight. Labour and Conservative MP's expressed in- te fears that para-military testaments and the Pro IRA (Irish Republican) would launch an offens the streets in the sub political void.

U.S., S. Korea joint exercises

SEOUL, March 5, (A American and South troops backed by su "swing wing" F-111 bombers firing live amm today conducted man north of Seoul against lated surprise attack fro Korea.

The one-day man named "copestrike," w of a continuing series monstrations of Ameri tical mobility intended feat quickly any eventu on South Korea.

Tension has risen sh the divided Korean P since the end of the I war last year.

The main feature of the exercise was strafing attacks by Amer 111s which were flown weeks ago from bases United States in the Force's first trans-Pac loyment exercise.

The aircraft used liv nition during the air at Night-mare Range, just below the truce li rating North and South

The exercise cove western front line ar of Seoul. Also taking Nightmare Range were equipped with wire-gul anti-tank missiles.

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